A PROCLAMATION,

For Levying of Sea-men.

WILLIAM and MARY, by the Grace of GOD, King and Queen of *Great-Britain*, *France* and *Ireland*, Defenders of the *Faith*; To Macers of Our Privy Council, Meſſengers at Arms, Our Sheriffs in that part, conjunctly and ſeverally, ſpecially conſtitute, Greeting: Whereas, We have ſeen a Letter directed to Our Secretaries, from the Lords of Our Privy Council, Complaining, That the Sea-men of this Our Antient Kingdom, are Preſſed, contrair to the Freedom, and to the great hurt and prejudice of the Trade thereof; We are reſolved to give ſtrict Orders, that no ſuch thing be done for the future; But We do expect in Return to Our Care and Concern, for the welfare of this Our Antient Kingdom, That being Ingaged in a War, which not only concerns Our Kingdoms of *Britain* and *Ireland*, but almoſt all *Chriſtendom*; The Subjects of this Our Antient Kingdom of *Scotland* will heartily Contribute what they can, for Our Aſſiſtance, in providing to Our Navy, a thouſand Sea-men or more, and for their Incouragement, We will pay to each Sea-man who voluntarly Engages, fourty ſhillings Sterling, before they ſhall march from their reſpective Places, where they ſhall ingage and take on for our Service to *Leith*, in order to be Shipped Aboard Our Fleet, and full Pay thereafter, as Our *Engliſh* Sea-men do receive. And to the effect, the ſaids Sea-men may be timouſly taken on, and ingaged for Our Service, and Raiſed orderly, with als much Eaſe and Conveniency to Our Subjects as poſſible; Therefore We, with Advice of the Lords of Our Privy Council, ſtrictly Require and Command, all the Magiſtrats of the ſeveral *Maritim* Burghs Royal, and other Sea-Towns, To cauſe beat Drums, and make Intimation upon a Mercat-Day, for Levying Sea-Men, to ſerve in Our Fleet, within their own Juriſdiction, and the next adjacent Sea-Towns, expreſt in the ſeveral Letters, ſent to them for that effect, and to ingage, and take on for the ſaid Service, ſuch as voluntarly offer themſelves; And We, with Advice foreſaid, Require and Command, the ſaids Magiſtrats of *Maritim* Burghs Royal, and other Sea-Towns, to give in a Report to the Council, what number of Sea-men they have ſo taken on, and ingaged, with an exact ſubſcribed Liſt of the whole other Sea-men, and Fiſher-men within their Juriſdiction, and other Sea-Towns and Bounds expreſt in their reſpective Miſſive Letters, upon Oath, betwixt and the days following, *viz.* All on this ſide of *Tay*, and this ſide of the *Largs*, upon the Mouth of *Clyde*, betwixt and the twenty *Day* of *February* next; And all to *Aberdene inclusivè*, and be-weſt the River of *Clyde*, and the *Largs*, betwixt and the firſt Day of *March* thereafter; And all the reſt of the Kingdom betwixt and the tenth Day of the ſame Moneth; with power to the ſaids Magiſtrats to take the Oaths of Maſters of Ships, Boats, Barks, or others, and uſe all other effectual Means, for making up the ſaids Liſts, that the Lords of Our Privy Council may conſider how far the number of Sea-men to be Levied for Our Fleet, falls ſhort, that ſo they may compleat the ſaid number of a Thouſand Sea-men for Our Service by Lot, out of the ſaids Liſts of Sea-men, and have them in readineſs before Our Fleet ſhall go to Sea: And We, with Advice foreſaid, Do Certifie and give Aſſurance to all and every one of the Magiſtrats and others, who ſhall take on any of the ſaids Sea-men, who Liſt themſelves voluntarly for Our Service, that how ſoon, and whenſoever the Liſts of the ſaid voluntar Sea-men ſhall be returned to Our Privy Council; fourty ſhillings ſterling Money, ſhall be immediatly ſent to the ſaids Magiſtrats, for each Sea-man of theſe who voluntarly Liſt themſelves, to be payed and delivered to them, before they ſhall march from their own homes to *Leith*, where they are to be Shipped; and ſufficient Proviſions ſhall be made, or Pay advanced to them from that time to their being Shipped for Our Fleet; With Certification to ſuch of the ſaids Magiſtrats who ſhall fail or delay in the exact obſervance hereof, they ſhall be reputed negligent in their Duty, and diſaffected to Our Government, and proceeded againſt accordingly. And to the effect Our Pleaſure in the Premiſſes may be known, OUR WILL IS and We Charge you ſtraitly and Command, that incontinent theſe Our Letters ſeen, ye paſs to the Mercat-Croſs of *Edinburgh*, and whole other Mercat-Croſſes of the Burghs-Royal, and of Regalities, Stewartries and Bailliaries within this Kingdom, and there in Our Name and Authority, make intimation and publication of the Premiſſes, that none may pretend ignorance, as ye will anſwer to Us thereupon. And Ordains theſe Preſents to be Printed.

Given under Our Signet at Edinburgh, *the twenty ninth day of* January, *And of Our Reign, the third Year*, 1692.

Per actum Dominorum Secreti Concilii.

In ſupplementum Signeti.

DA. MONCRIEFF, *Cls. Sti. Concilii.*

GOD Save King VVilliam *and Queen* Mary.

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